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May I know which M.L.A. is included as a representative of the Harijans so far as Malabar is concerned? If there are more than one name, may I know the basis of selection? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Speaking from memory, I would say the hon. Member Sri Chadayan has been nominated to the committee from Malabar."

Opening of High Schools in South Arcot in 1953–54.

* 285 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of High Schools opened in South Arcot district during 1953–54; and

(b) the number of applications received requesting sanction of the Government to open High Schools in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Two Middle Schools and two incomplete High Schools.

" (b) Five applications were made to the Director of Public Instruction. Representations were subsequently made to Government in two of these cases."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know from whom the applications have been received requesting sanction of Government to open high schools in 1953–54? May I also know whether the Government have sanctioned or going to sanction the opening of a school in Olakkur in Tindivanam taluk? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In respect of the middle schools, the District Board applied for sanction to open the schools in Chiravangadu and Olakkur. Private agencies applied for the opening of a High School in Kurinchipadi and Tindivanam."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" The request for sanction of the opening of a school in Olakkur in Tindivanam taluk was submitted by the President of the District Board of South Arcot. The request is still pending. Final orders have not been issued yet. Will the Government be pleased to see that the request is complied with at least this year? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Reduction in the prices of pesticides and insecticides.

* 286 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have, since 1st January 1954, passed any orders for reducing the prices of any articles that are sold through the Agriculture Department; and

(b) if so, what those articles are?